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Director of Central Intelligence

Acting Assistant Director for Operations

All allowances for Government-owned Quarters

1. When the establishment of EBCB Monitoring Stations at Cyprus and Okinawa was approved, funds were included in the projects for the erection of housing at the sites for occupation by the Bureau Chief and the Chief Engineer at Cyprus, and by all U. S. employees at Okinawa.

2. None of these quarters are in final stages of construction and will soon be ready for occupancy by the individuals involved. It is therefore necessary to have a determination as to the financial basis upon which the employees may occupy the premises.

3. The Standardized Government Civilian Allowance Regulations (Foreign Areas) issued 1 December 1948 by the Secretary of State set forth the quarters allowances for U. S. citizens employed by the U. S. government in foreign countries where rent-free quarters are not furnished; such allowances to be based on actual rentals paid.

4. It would appear that an unnecessary burden would be placed on the administrative activities of the agency if rental rates were established for the above quarters, and the employees were to pay such rentals and to receive allowances to cover. It is therefore recommended that the government-owned quarters be provided free of charge to the U. S. citizens in the above cases, and that no allowances be paid them for quarters.

5. It is therefore requested that you authorize the establishment of procedures in accordance with the above recommendations at the earliest practicable date.

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